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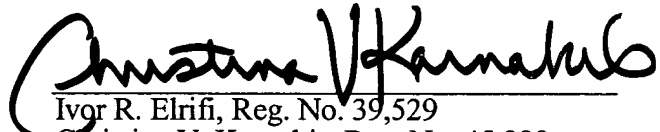
1. Response to Office Action mailed October 2, 2003 (1 pg.);
2. Preliminary Amendment (11 pgs.);
3. Return Postcard.

Because November 2, 2003 is a Sunday, this response is due on or before November 3, 2003 with no extension of time. Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-019. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

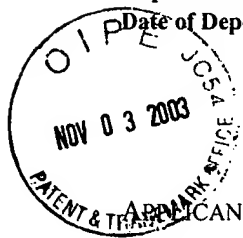
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 2, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-36, drawn to nucleic acid polymer classification methods, classified in class 435, subclass 6).

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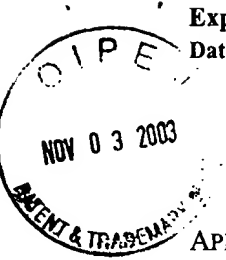
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Preliminary Amendment

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 2, 2003, Applicants submit a preliminary amendment so that the claims correspond with elected Group I drawn to nucleic acid polymer classification methods, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.